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International Workshop on New Trends in Pediatric Surgery
Messina, October 25th 2017
Aula Magna University of Messina
Ore 14:30 - 18:15

14:30 Welcome Address
Prof. Pietro Navarra, Rector of the University of Messina
Prof. Carmelo Romeo, Head of Surgical Unit - University of Messina
Prof. Jan Deprest, Tramarchi, Director of the Medical and Biological Class of the Accademia dei Pericolanti

14:45 Workshop
Chairman: Prof. P. Puri (Dublin - IE)

• New Multimedia Advances in Surgical Information (20'+10')
• Randomized Control Trials in Pediatric Surgery (20'+10')
• Current Perspectives in Robotic Assisted Surgery (20'+10')
• Fetal Surgery for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (20'+10')
• Fetal Surgery for Lower Urinary Tract Obstruction (20'+10')

Invited Discussant
Dr. Nicola Persico - Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico (Milano, I)

15:40 Break

16:00 Workshop
Chairman: Prof. Prem Puri (Dublin - IE)

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Prof. Rodrigo Ruano - Mayo Clinic (Rochester, US)

17:00 Break

17:20 Workshop
Chairman: Prof. Todd Ponsky (Ames, US)

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18:20 Closing Remarks
Mr. Prem Puri (Dublin - IE)